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### ARSON ARREST 338 WEST UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD

On April 17, 2014 at about 2:30 p.m., Detective Joe Wall and Detective Brad Cheney were on duty and in their unmarked police vehicle when they observed a fire at the Holy Family Catholic Church located at 338 West University Boulevard. The detectives advised Tucson Police Communications and requested that the Tucson Fire Department immediately respond to assist. Detectives Wall and Cheney rushed into the building where they located a priest and 2 adult volunteers that were unaware of the fire. They were evacuated from the church and the detectives ensured no one else was inside the building. The Tucson Fire Department arrived and extinguished the fire. No one was injured during the incident.

Detectives from the Special Investigations/Arson Unit and the TFD Fire Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. They determined that clothes and books were intentionally set on fire in the downstairs stairwell located near the front of the church. During the investigation, detectives obtained information that led them to the identity of the suspect in this incident. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, detectives arrested 35-year old Glenda Jean Gomez in the area of Speedway Boulevard and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue without incident. She was booked into the Pima County Jail for 1 count of Arson of an Occupied Structure and 1 count of Felony Criminal Damage.



Glenda Jean Gomez

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